

## **REP. BECERRA VOTES TO MAKE MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS PERMANENT**

WASHINGTON, DC—Today the House of Representatives voted to make the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts permanent for all Americans on income up to \$250,000 per year by a vote of 234 to 188. Before the vote, Congressman Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and a senior member of the Ways and Means Committee, made the following remarks on the floor of the House:

**“Working Americans believe that the tax code favors the rich and influential, and they’re right.**

**Last year the average millionaire in America received about \$100,000 back from the Bush tax cuts while the average middle class family in this country received one half of one percent of that.**

**It’s time that this country began to tax fairly and invest wisely.**

**Republicans are holding these tax cuts for the middle class hostage, demanding an extra tax cut of \$700 billion to bailout millionaires and billionaires.**

**These are the same tax cuts that we’ve had in place for the last decade and what have they given us? 15 million Americans are unemployed in the worst recession we’ve faced since the 1930’s.**

**It’s time that we focused our attention on the middle class.**

**We need to make sure we’re doing everything we can to invest in good paying middle class jobs so that when we turn over the product we buy in a store and we see where it’s made, it will once again say made in America.”**

